

Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A

Present: Larry Neal/Chairman, MaryAnn Lash, David McKinnon, Mel Michaels/Associate Member, Andrea Nichols/ Secretary, GERALYN Falco/Conservation Agent. The Rockport Conservation Commission (RCC) is a five member volunteer board. Three voting members are present.

Absent: Rob Claypool, Alan MacMillan

Citizen Inquiries:

Robert Morris, Pigeon Cove Fisherman's Co-op - requests permission to connect electric and data lines from fuel tank to building at Pigeon Cove Wharf; plans to dig trench in wharf; project should take three days; submits written request and show plan. RCC concern is length of trench. Chairman Neal moves to allow digging trench at wharf as proposed, provided Mr. Morris documents length of trench on plan; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 3:0.

Laura Krause (DeRosa Environmental Consulting) for 54 Marmion Way - requests two (2) minor amendments to OC (DEP 62-0688); 1) to renovate and use shed instead of removing it, and 2) to install 2' high stone retaining wall along roadway to maintain yard elevation. Shed is >50' to coastal bank. Stone wall has been constructed, is within 50' No-Build Zone, and is within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) at FEMA velocity zone elevation 22; at time of approval, FEMA V-zone was elevation 15 and wall would be below; no performance standards for LSCSF. RCC concerns are: wall within LSCSF, this project may be more than "minor amendment", asks if DEP requires using current FEMA elevations for amendments, suggest that Agent Falco contact DEP, need more information to make decision.

Sally May and Francis Levesque, 60 Granite Street - requests minor amendment to OC (DEP 62-0665); changes include increasing size of patio and creating parking spot instead of semi-circular driveway; both areas to use permeable pavers; show revised plan; John Byrne (contractor) also present and presents specifications of pavers. Chairman Neal moves to accept minor amendment to OC (DEP 62-0665) as proposed; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 3:0.

Robert Visnick (for, Joann Papa, 4 Gull Cove Lane) - wants to install a ramp similar to their neighbors. They have a float. This would be a temporary system to install ramp to float. In case of storms, someone would remove the ramp. Harbormasters have reviewed this project. Chairman Neal moves to grant approval for 4 Gull Cove Lane for temporary ramp; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote: 3:0.

Ted Tarr, 5154 Main Street - reports Kieran Preserve grown in; Mr. McKinnon will traverse area with Mr. Tarr.

Proposed Long Beach Fieldwork (by Bureau of Ocean Energy Management). Nicholas Venti (MA Geological Survey & UMass Amherst), Melanie Koerth (UMass graduate), and Julie Knisel (CZM) are present. Mr. Venti describes project sponsored; study is to aid in beach nourishment; survey studies grain size; and discusses off-shore nourishment. RCC asks if MA allows offshore nourishment. Ms. Knisel explains conflict with fishing industry and environmental community regarding offshore nourishment; says most nourishment is from dredging activities or sand from land sources. RCC suggests contacting other groups who would be interested including Long

Beach Improvement Association and DPW. *Ted Tarr, 154 Main Street* – asks how this project interacts with sediment transport project, and why summer and winter surveys are required. *Lars Anderas (UMass-Boston student)* – explains his project approved last winter by RCC; says due to weather, he did not do pond surveys; has come to see if this project interacts with his. Mr. Venti says his coring team (did not come to this meeting) wants to obtain information from two (2) ponds near Long Beach; and all data collected will be shared with town.

Minutes

7/15/15: Chairman Neal moves to approve minutes as amended; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 3:0.

New Hearings

RDA 15-10, David Valchuis, 36.5 Eden Road (Map 31/Lot 33). *Extend deck & bury propane tank within 100' of coastal bank.* Mr. Valchuis is present and explains work to date: tank and pipe are buried, three (3) of four (4) sonotubes are installed, (one additional sonotube needed to support deck), silt barrier installed and grass planted, and basketball court removed. Chairman Neal moves to close hearing; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 3:0. **Hearing is closed.** Chairman Neal moves to issue Negative Determination of Applicability with conditions; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 3:0. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

Other Business

- Mill Pond/Millbrook Meadow Plan update (as required in OC)-Garden Club – Nan Blue (Rockport Garden Club) is present and explains plan; Polatin Environmental to remove invasives; it will take approximately 8 hours to remove woody invasives; debris to be left in place and DPW will pick it up; may allow debris to dry out in place. RCC asks to have large “tree of heaven” removed from area near pond. Chairman Neal moves to accept Mill Pond/Millbrook Meadow as proposed; McKinnon seconds. Vote 3:0.
- New Business/Announcements –Greenbelt is surveying Bryant property. A conservation restriction may be required.
- Complaint: lawn cuttings/trimmings are being dumped on Old Garden Path.

Chairman Neal moves to adjourn meeting; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 3:0.

8:55PM

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